

each year as Child Health Day and inviting all agencies and organizations interested in child welfare to unite upon that day in the observance of such exercises as will awaken the people of the Nation to the fundamental necessity of a year-round program for the protection and development of the health of the Nation's children.

(May 18, 1928, ch. 643, 45 Stat. 617; Sept. 22, 1959, Pub. L. 86-352, 73 Stat. 627.)

AMENDMENTS

1959—Pub. L. 86-352 substituted “the first Monday in October” for “May 1”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1959 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 86-352 provided in part that amendment by Pub. L. 86-352 should be effective Jan. 1, 1960.

§ 144. Transferred

CODIFICATION

Section, act Mar. 3, 1931, ch. 436, 46 Stat. 1508, which designated “The Star-Spangled Banner” as the national anthem of the United States, was transferred to section 170 of this title.

§ 145. May twenty-second designated as National Maritime Day

May 22 of each year shall hereafter be designated and known as National Maritime Day, and the President is authorized and requested annually to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such National Maritime Day by displaying the flag at their homes or other suitable places and Government officials to display the flag on all Government buildings on May 22 of each year.

(May 20, 1933, ch. 36, 48 Stat. 73.)

CROSS REFERENCES

Occasions for display of flag, see section 174 of this title.

§ 146. Second Monday in October as Columbus Day

The President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the second Monday in October of each year as Columbus Day and calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on said date and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies expressive of the public sentiment befitting the anniversary of the discovery of America.

(Apr. 30, 1934, ch. 184, 48 Stat. 657; June 28, 1968, Pub. L. 90-363, § 1(b), 82 Stat. 250.)

CODIFICATION

References to the second Monday in October were substituted for references to October 12, effective Jan. 1, 1971, pursuant to section 1(b) of Pub. L. 90-363 which is set out as a note captioned “References in Laws of the United States to Observances of Legal Public Holidays” under section 6103 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS QUINCENTENARY JUBILEE ACT

Pub. L. 98-375, Aug. 7, 1984, 98 Stat. 1257, as amended by Pub. L. 100-94, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 700, provided

for creation of Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, a 30-member commission appointed by the President, which was to prepare a comprehensive program for commemorating the quincentennial of the voyages of discovery of Columbus and to plan, encourage, coordinate, and conduct observances and activities. The Commission would submit a final report to Congress no later than Dec. 31, 1993, and would terminate as of that date.

CROSS REFERENCES

Occasions for display of flag, see section 174 of this title.

§ 147. Display of flag on buildings on last Sunday in September

The President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the Government officials to display the United States flag on all Government buildings, and the people of the United States to display the flag and to hold appropriate meetings at their homes, churches, or other suitable places, on the last Sunday in September, as a public expression of the love, sorrow, and reverence of the people of the United States for the American Gold Star Mothers.

(June 23, 1936, ch. 736, § 1, 49 Stat. 1895.)

CROSS REFERENCES

Occasions for display of flag, see section 174 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 148 of this title.

§ 148. Last Sunday in September designated as Gold Star Mother's Day

The last Sunday in September shall be designated and known as “Gold Star Mother's Day”, and it shall be the duty of the President to request its observance as provided for in section 147 of this title.

(June 23, 1936, ch. 736, § 2, 49 Stat. 1895.)

§ 149. April thirteenth for commemoration of Thomas Jefferson's birth

The President of the United States of America is authorized and directed to issue a proclamation calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on April 13 of each year, and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies in commemoration of the birth of Thomas Jefferson.

(Aug. 16, 1937, ch. 666, 50 Stat. 668.)

THOMAS JEFFERSON COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

Pub. L. 102-343, Aug. 17, 1992, 106 Stat. 915, as amended by Pub. L. 103-191, Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2291, provided for establishment of Thomas Jefferson Commemoration Commission, a 21-member commission appointed by President, which was to plan, develop, and coordinate programs and activities to commemorate the 250th anniversary of birth of Thomas Jefferson, to honor historical locations associated with life of Thomas Jefferson, and to award medals and certificates to individuals and organizations that have significantly contributed to preservation of Jefferson's professional accomplish-

ments. Commission to submit a final report to President and to Congress no later than Dec. 31, 1994, and to terminate not later than 60 days following that date.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF BIRTH OF JEFFERSON

The Thomas Jefferson Bicentennial Commission was created by act Sept. 24, 1940, ch. 730, 54 Stat. 960, and vested with authority to make plans for the celebration in 1943 of the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, and these powers were further extended by act July 30, 1942, ch. 537, 56 Stat. 728.

The National Agricultural Jefferson Bicentenary Committee was created and appointed to carry out appropriate exercises in recognition of Jefferson's contributions to the farmers and the agriculture of the Nation by act Dec. 3, 1943, ch. 333, 57 Stat. 595.

CROSS REFERENCES

Occasions for display of flag, see section 174 of this title.

§ 150. April as Cancer Control Month

The President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation setting apart the month of April of each year as Cancer Control Month and to invite annually the Governors of the several States and Territories and possessions of the United States to issue proclamations for like purposes. It is requested that such proclamations invite the medical profession, the press, and all agencies and individuals interested in a national program for the control of the disease of cancer by education and other cooperative means to unite during the month in a public dedication to such a program and in a concerted effort to impress upon the people of the Nation the necessity of such a program.

(Mar. 28, 1938, ch. 56, 52 Stat. 148.)

§ 151. August nineteenth as National Aviation Day

The President of the United States is authorized to designate August 19 of each year as National Aviation Day, and to issue a proclamation calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day, and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate exercises to further and stimulate interest in aviation in the United States.

(May 11, 1939, ch. 123, 53 Stat. 739.)

CROSS REFERENCES

Occasions for display of flag, see section 174 of this title.

§ 151a. December seventeenth as Pan American Aviation Day

The President of the United States is authorized to designate December 17 of each year as Pan American Aviation Day and to issue a proclamation calling upon all officials of the Government, Governors of the fifty States, our possessions, and all citizens to participate in the observance of this day to further and stimulate interest in aviation in the American countries as an important stimulus to the further development of more rapid communications and a cultural development between the nations of the Western Hemisphere.

(Oct. 10, 1940, ch. 840, 54 Stat. 1093.)

CODIFICATION

The term “fifty States” was in the original “forty-eight States” and has been editorially substituted to reflect the admission into statehood of Alaska and Hawaii.

§ 152. Repealed. Feb. 29, 1952, ch. 49, § 3, 66 Stat. 10

Section, act May 3, 1940, ch. 183, §1, 54 Stat. 178, designated 3d Sunday in May as Citizenship Day. See sections 153 and 154 of this title.

§ 153. Citizenship Day; designation; proclamation; observance

The 17th day of September of each year is designated as “Citizenship Day” in commemoration of the formation and signing, on September 17, 1787, of the Constitution of the United States and in recognition of all who, by coming of age or by naturalization have attained the status of citizenship, and the President of the United States is authorized to issue annually a proclamation calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on such day, and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies.

The civil and educational authorities of States, counties, cities, and towns be, and they are, urged to make plans for the proper observance of this day and for the full instruction of citizens in their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the United States and of the States and localities in which they reside.

Nothing herein shall be construed as changing, or attempting to change, the time or mode of any of the many altogether commendable observances of similar nature now being held from time to time, or periodically, but, to the contrary, such practices are praised and encouraged.

(Feb. 29, 1952, ch. 49, §1, 66 Stat. 9.)

CROSS REFERENCES

Citizenship clause, see Const. Amend. 14, §1.

Occasions for display of flag, see section 174 of this title.

§ 154. Address to newly naturalized citizens

Either at the time of the rendition of the decree of naturalization or at such other time as the judge may fix, the judge or someone designated by him shall address the newly naturalized citizen upon the form and genius of our Government and the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship; it being the intent and purpose of this section to enlist the aid of the judiciary, in cooperation with civil and educational authorities, and patriotic organizations in a continuous effort to dignify and emphasize the significance of citizenship.

(Feb. 29, 1952, ch. 49, §2, 66 Stat. 10.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Similar provisions were contained in act May 3, 1940, ch. 183, §2, 54 Stat. 178, which was classified to section 727a of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality, prior to repeal by act Feb. 29, 1952.